

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

RICHARD C. RODOLF,) CASE NO. C08-0475-TSZ-MAT
Plaintiff,)
v.) ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR
CHRISTOPHER KIELAND, et al.,) APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
Defendants.)

Plaintiff Richard Charles Rodolf, proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* in this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights action, submitted a letter which the Court construes as containing a request for appointment of counsel. (Dkt. 14.) Having considered that request, as well as the remainder of the record, the Court does hereby find and ORDER:

(1) There is no right to have counsel appointed in cases brought under § 1983. Although the Court, under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), can request counsel to represent a party proceeding *in forma pauperis*, plaintiff has shown neither exceptional circumstances, nor an inability to articulate his claims *pro se* that would warrant the appointment of counsel. *See Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986). Accordingly, plaintiff's request for

01 appointment of counsel (Dkt. 14) is DENIED.

02 (2) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to plaintiff, to defendants, and
03 to the Honorable Robert S. Lasnik.

04 DATED this 13th day of June, 2008.

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06 Mary Alice Theiler
07 United States Magistrate Judge
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